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NC ABC COMMISSION SUSPENDS ALCOHOL PERMITS HELD BY JACKSONVILLE'S ORLEANS HOUSE

RALEIGH – Sworn statements of law enforcement officers describing people seriously injured in separate fights, a brawl involving 50-70 people and the sale of alcohol to an underage person -- all in the last 10 days -- has prompted the NC ABC Commission to suspend the alcohol permits held by Orleans House.

The club, located at 1319 Lejeune Boulevard, Jacksonville, has held permits to sell beer and mixed beverages since 2008.

Affidavits of Jacksonville Police Department officers detail several incidents of violence and numerous calls for service to Orleans House in the last 24 months.

The ABC Commission reviewed the sworn statements of the law enforcement officers and today issued the summary suspension, which is immediate and is in effect until the case is heard by the Office of Administrative Hearings. The action is authorized under N.C. General Statute 150B-3(c), which directs the ABC Commission to begin hearing proceedings on the matter.

In April 2010, the state ABC Commission announced Last Call – a cooperative initiative with local law enforcement and ALE that streamlines the process for suspending alcohol permits of violent bars and clubs. This week's action is the 16th summary suspension of permanent ABC permits by the state ABC Commission since Last Call was introduced. It is the first summary suspension of 2013.

ABOUT THE NC ABC COMMISSION

North Carolina is one of 17 states to regulate alcohol through a control system. Since 1937, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has provided regulation and control over the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in the state of North Carolina. The commission oversees more than 25,000 permits allowing alcohol sales by more than 18,000 retail outlets across the state.
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